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Subject: [MLPA Comments] Fishing off Marin

Dear Marine Life Protection Act:

I am a Marin County resident and read in the Marin IJ newspaper that your officials are considering setting up more no-fishing zones off the local coast. I strongly support this policy, since overfishing is a terrible problem here, as it is all over the world. Fishing wild marine resources is rather anachronistic in any case. Do we still feed ourselves by killing wild deer? Or by killing whales? No we do not, and I think it is barbaric in this day and age to kill wild animals to feed ourselves, destroying both marine habitats and wild population structures to the point of "fishing out" species progressively down the ladder of desirability. Indeed, it seems retrograde to train children to regard killing animals as "sport", as though there were anything sporting about it.

Even if I were not opposed to fishing in general, the possible level of marine resources is, as a great deal of science has gradually found, far higher than what we see in the currently degraded conditions of the ocean ecosystem. Thus it is advisable for all parties to take action to rebuild stocks / ecosystems by setting extensive protected regions and science-based take limits to generate sustainable and abundant fisheries on the very long term.

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